

# Invasions of isotopes and of neobiota

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**Invasions with **low** diffusivity**  
**in:**  
Materials science  
Ecology

# **Synchrotron radiation study of Iron Diffusion**

**Aim: Use new possibilities of  
synchrotron radiation for diffusion studies**

**Again: combine nuclear physics with materials science!**

Earlier work e.g.:

G.V. and B.Sepiol in: Heitjans-Kärger book (2005),  
Stadler et al., PRB, PRE (2004, 2006, 2007),  
Sladecek et al., Surf.Sci. (2005),  
Erdelyi et al., Science (2005)

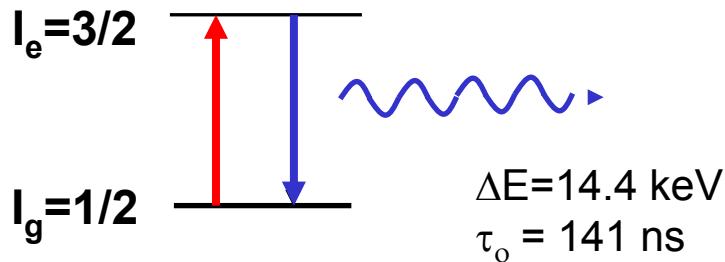
Kmiec et al., PRB (2007), Stankov et al., PRL (2007), Vogl et al., PRL (2007),  
European cooperations (Austrian Science Ministry, 6th framework EU)

Synchrotron radiation  
= very intense X-rays

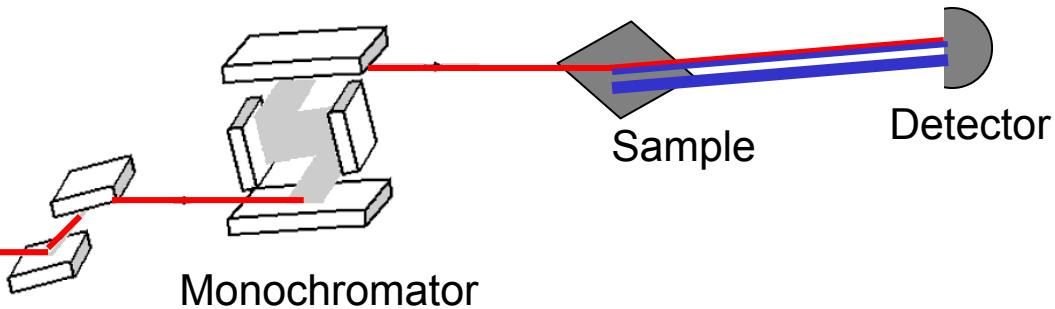
Earlier work used coherency, polarization  
for introducing new methods in diffusion

Here:  
**New method** which takes advantage  
of the high brilliance of synchrotron radiation.

# Nuclear Resonant Scattering (NRS)

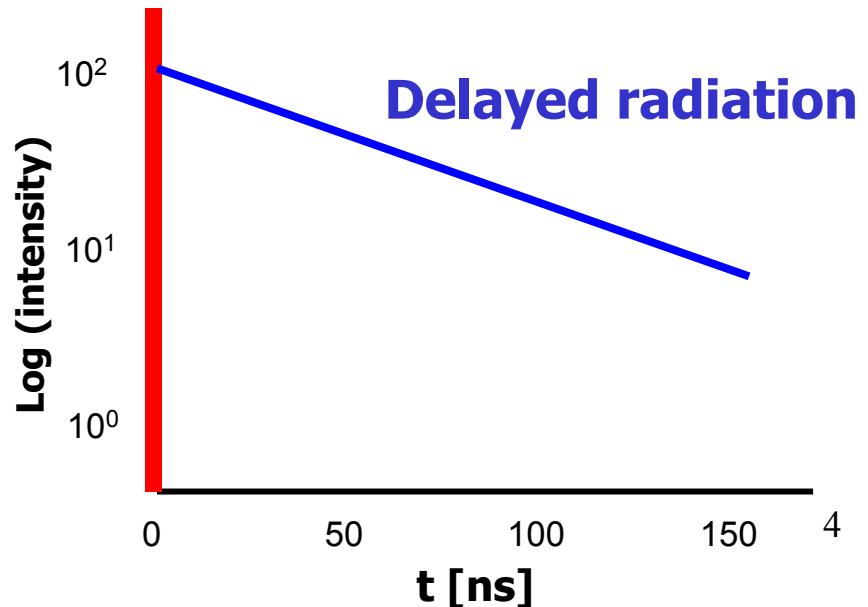


$^{57}\text{Fe}$  Mössbauer isotope



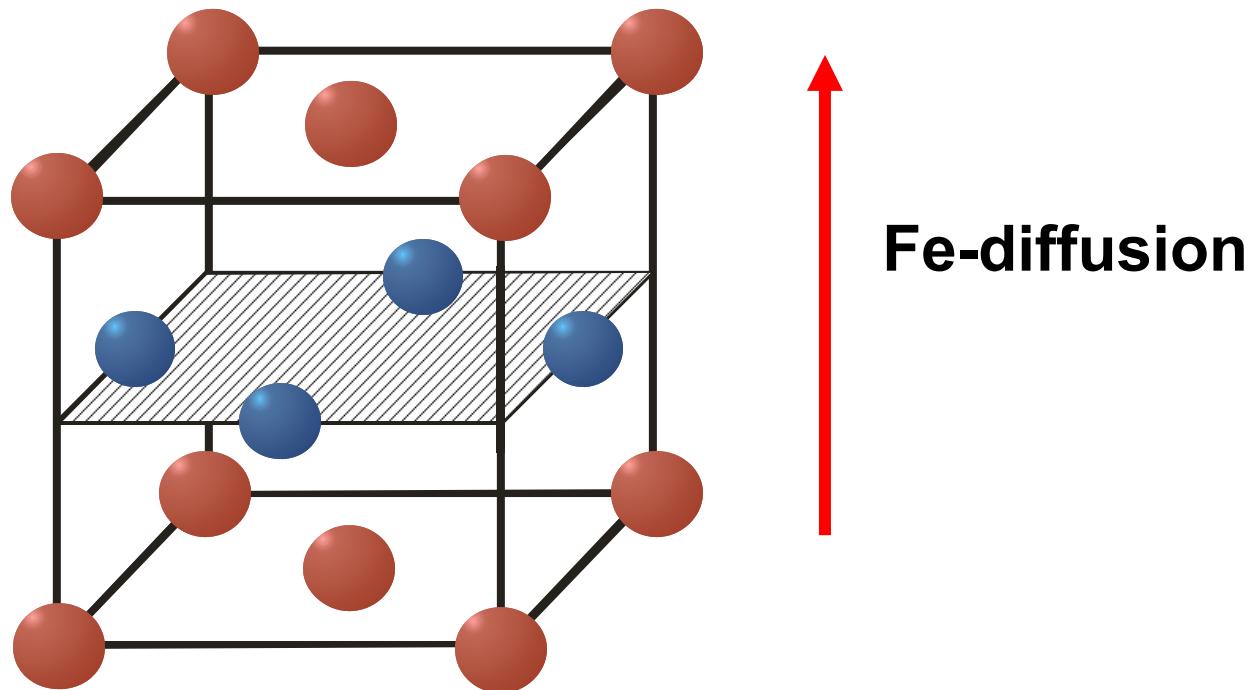
Team of R.Rüffer, ESRF

Cracow groups of  
J. Korecki, R. Kozubski



Nuclear radiation (sees only  $^{57}\text{Fe}$ )  
re-emitted with **delay**

is used for **DIFFRACTION** studies.

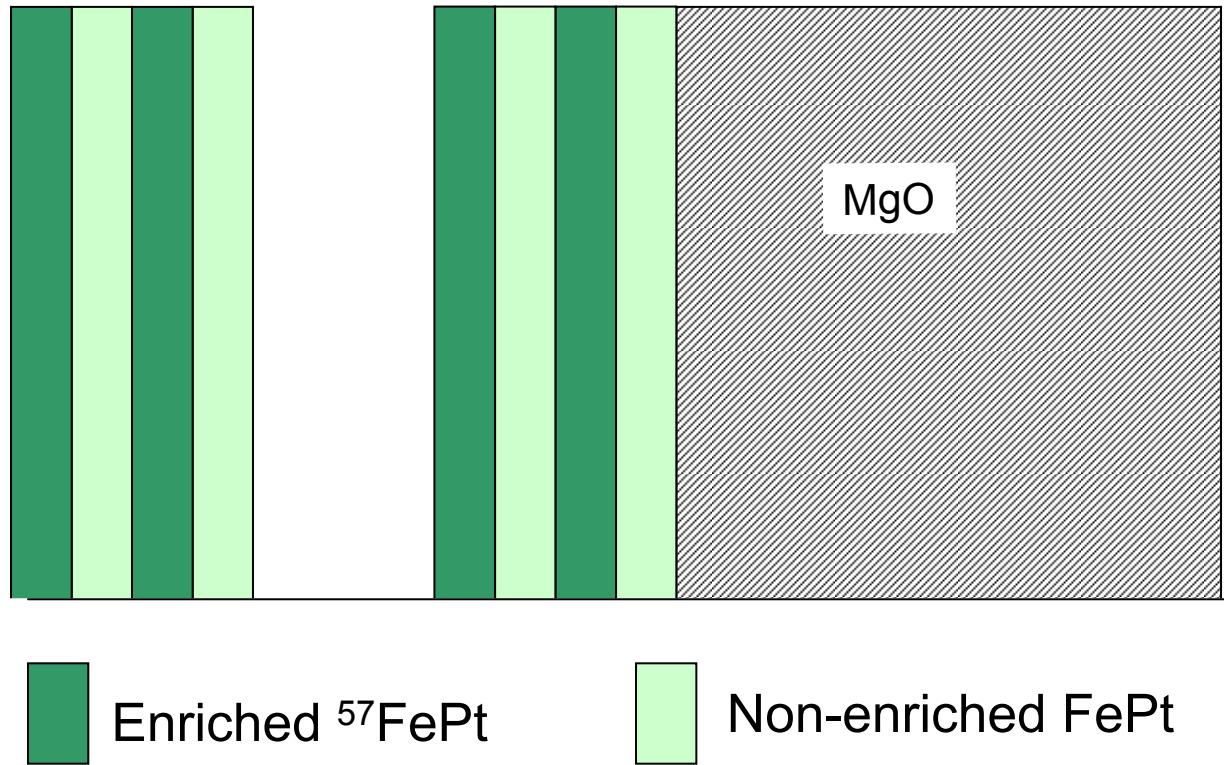


Magnetic storage material  
with high storage density

*See poster by M.Rennhofer et al.*  
**A 4 Re-Orientation Behaviour  
of c-Variant FePt Thin Films**

# Sample

Instituut voor Kern- en Stralingsfysica,  
K.U. Leuven



Chemically homogeneous, but „isotopically“ layered structure

Bragg diffraction of delayed radiation from layered structure

## How to study self-diffusion of Fe?

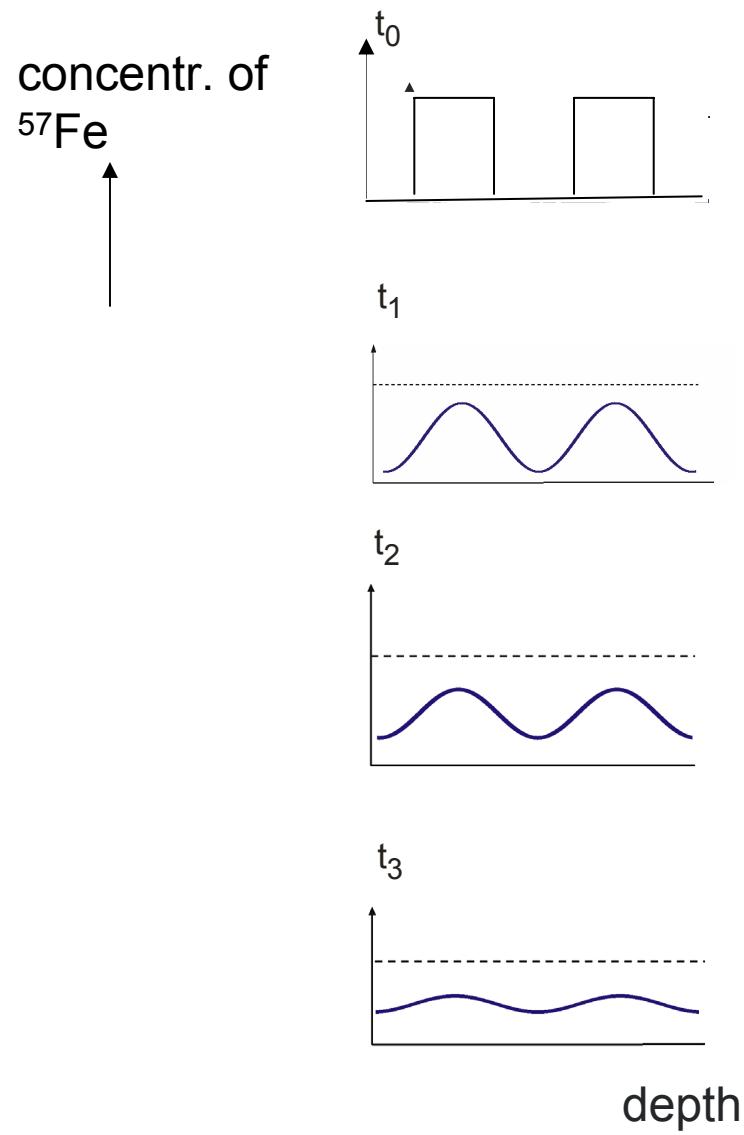
Follow height of superstructure Bragg peak  
produced by delayed radiation from  $^{57}\text{Fe}$   
as a function of annealing time!

Gupta et al. (2005) for amorphous material

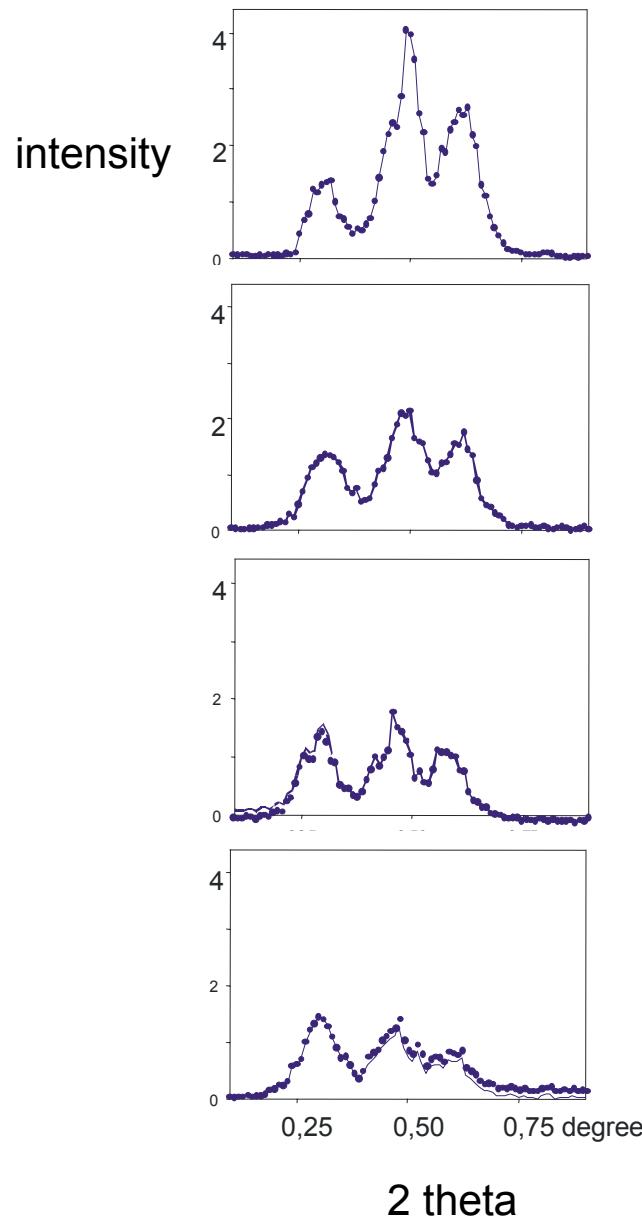
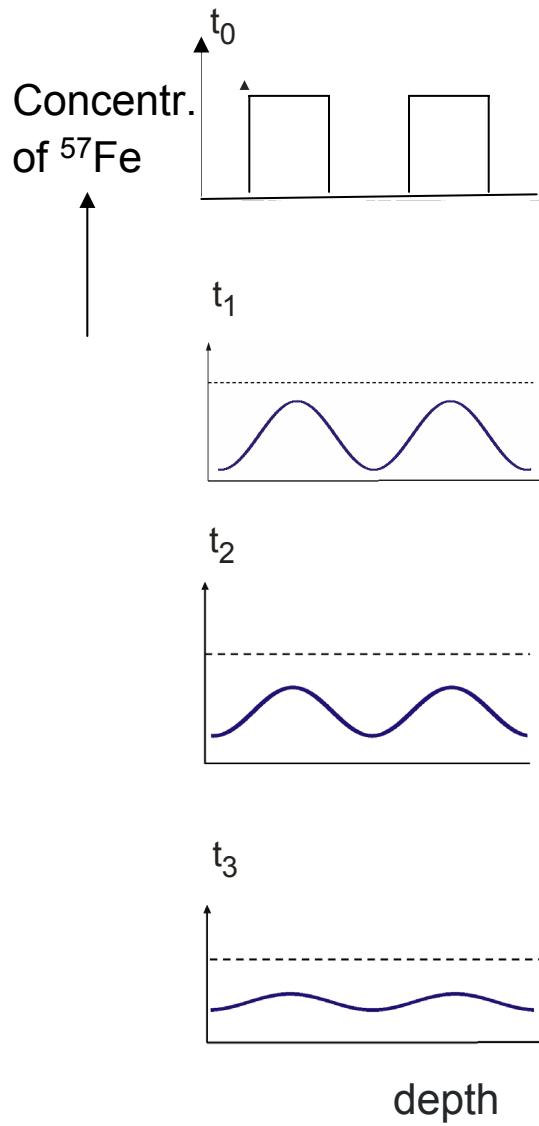
Historical:

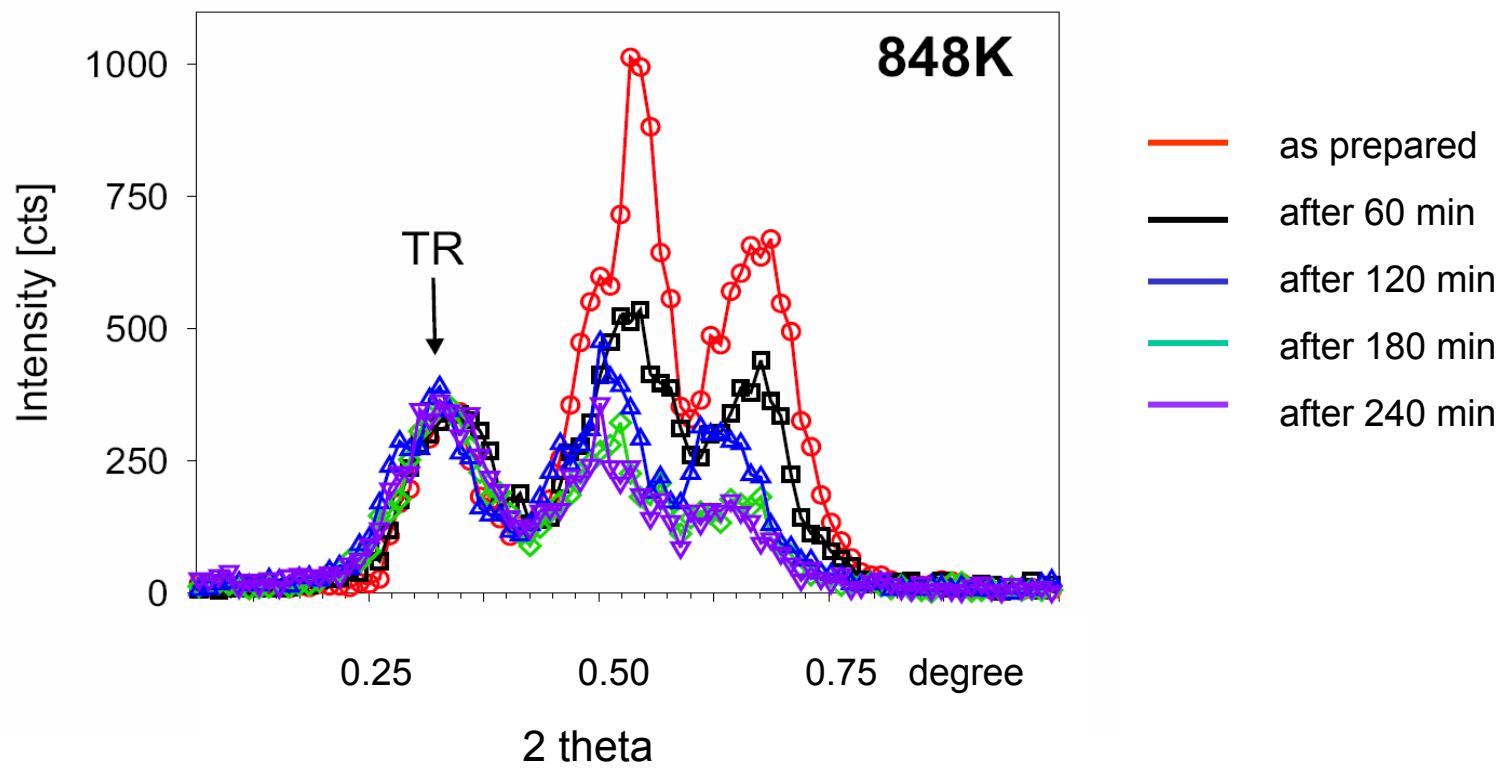
Youtz & DuMond (1940) studied chemical diffusion with X-radiation

# What do we expect on annealing at higher temperature?

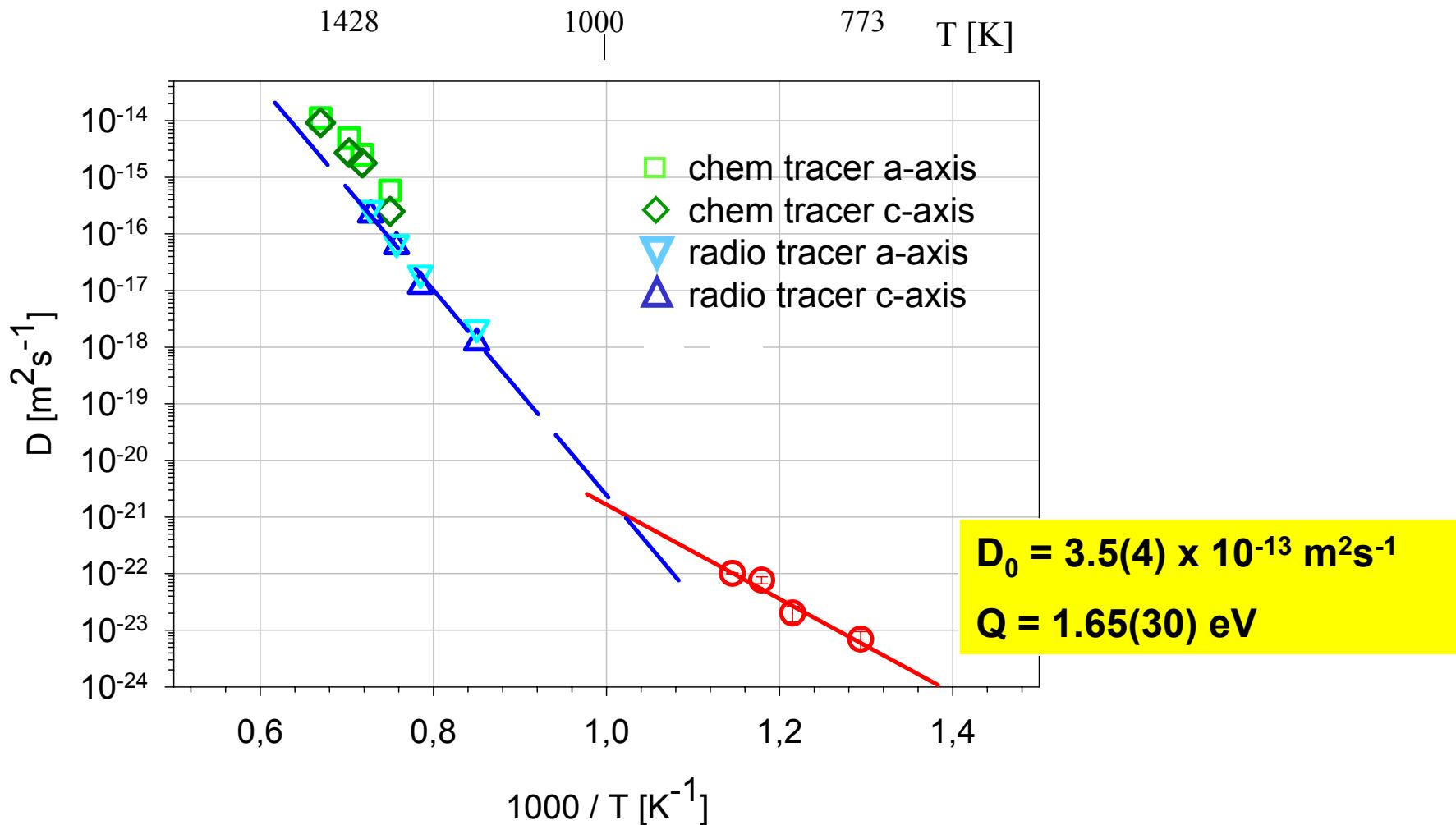


# Superstructure Bragg peaks





# Results diffusion of iron in FePt



# Conclusion

## New method for very slow diffusivities

Diffusion mechanism at low temperatures differs from mechanism at high temperatures

*See posters*

**A 4 Re-Orientation Behaviour of c-Variant FePt Thin Films**

Marcus Rennhofer et al.

Ref.: M. Rennhofer et al., PRB 2006

**A 3 Lateral Diffusion Spreading of Two Competitive  
Intermetallic Phases along Free Surface (System Cu-Sn)**

Yu. Kaganovskii, L.N. Paritskaya, V.V. Bogdanov

# Simulating spread („invasion“) of ragweed (*Ambrosia artemisiifolia*) in Austria

- The American common **ragweed**, is an annual plant which has been invading Central Europe for 150 years.
- Pollen evokes **heavy allergies** and because of its spread rather late in summer causes a second wave of allergy when other pollen allergies have decayed.
- Here consider the progressive extension of its habitat due to **climatic change** for predicting dispersal (“**diffusion**”) in the coming decades.

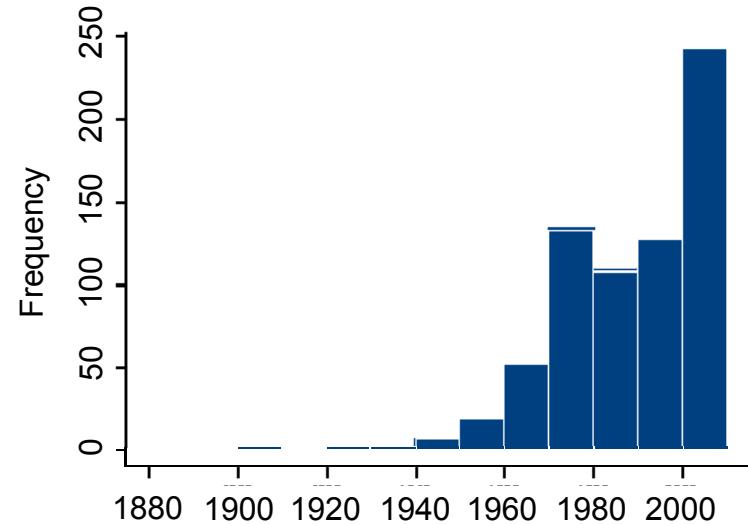


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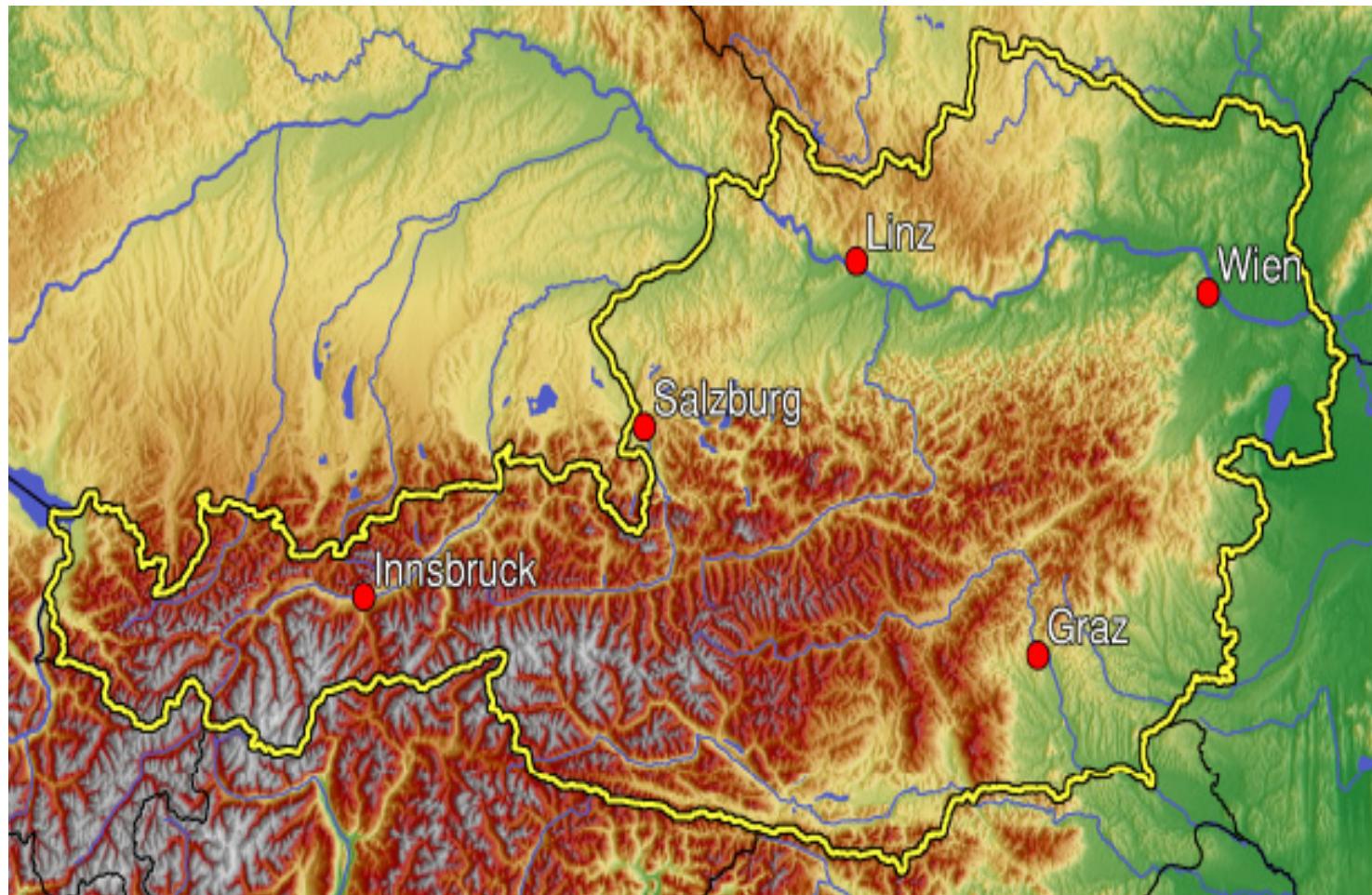
Common ragweed  
(*Ambrosia artemisiifolia*)

# Why study the ragweed?

- Availability of accurate distribution data in Austria
- Rapidly spreading
- Annual plant → fast succession of generations enables it to rapid response to climatic changes



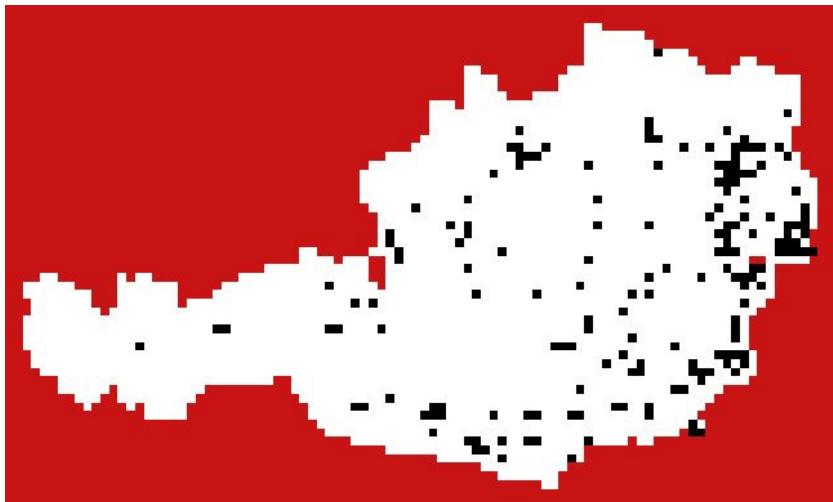
# Austria



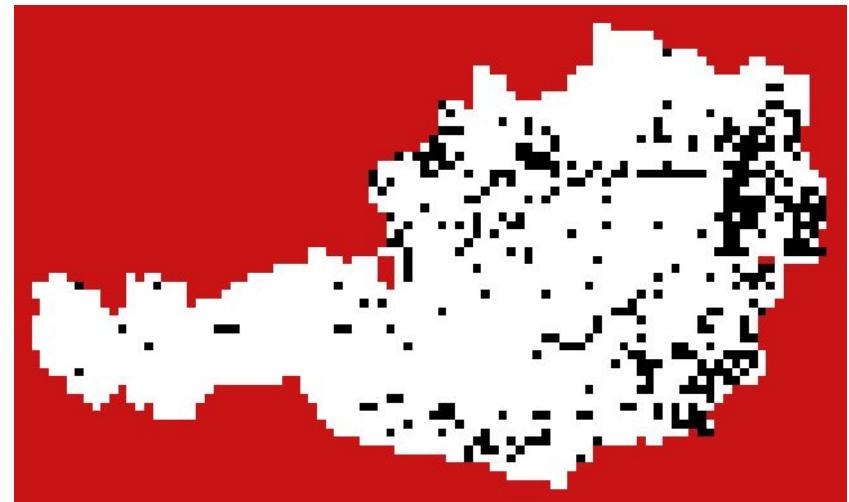
Aim:  
**Predict spread of ragweed under changing climatic conditions**

**1st: Simulate progressive infestation by ragweed from 1990 to 2005**

*subdivide Austria into 2612 grid cells (about 5 x 6 km)*

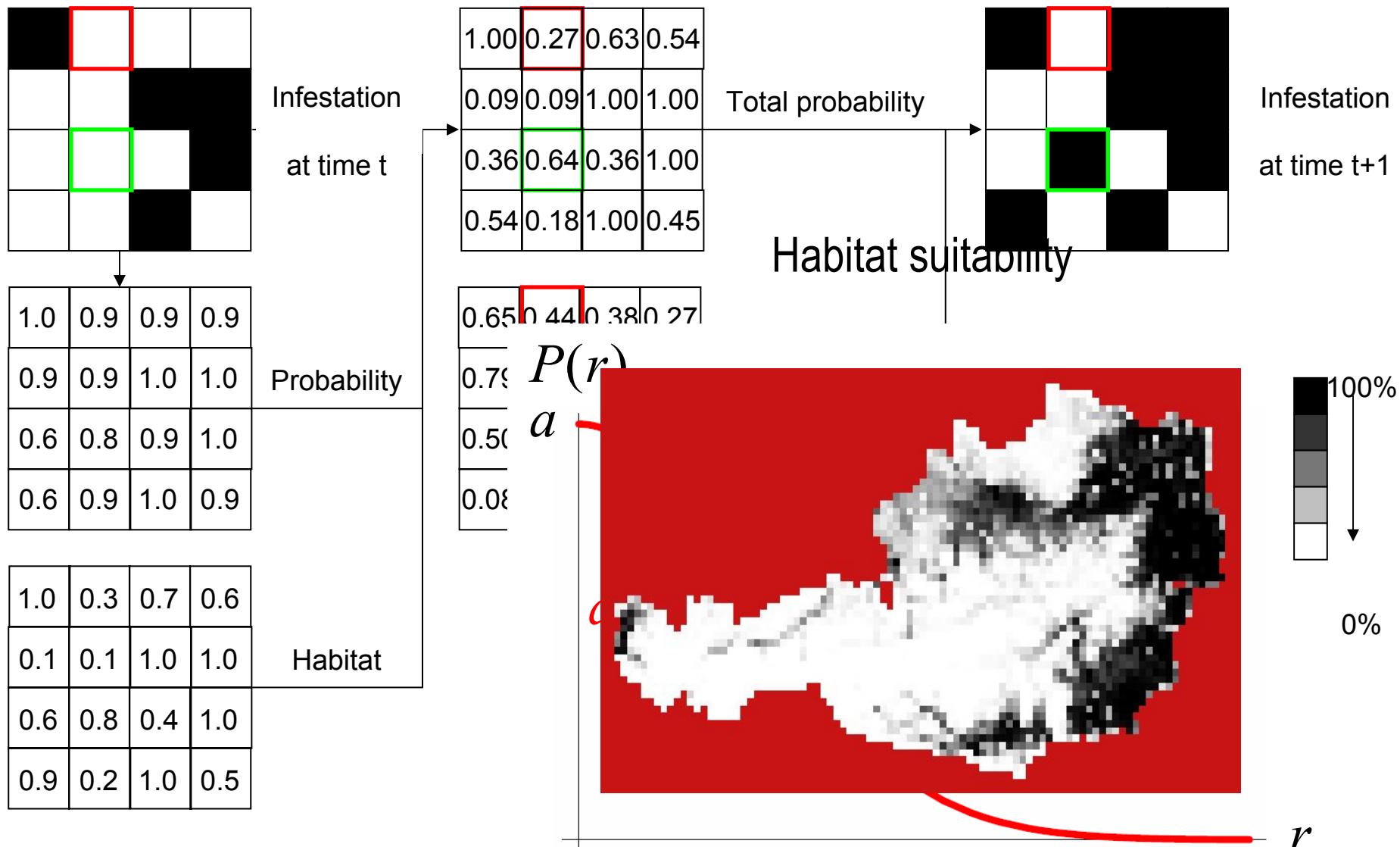


1990: starting point



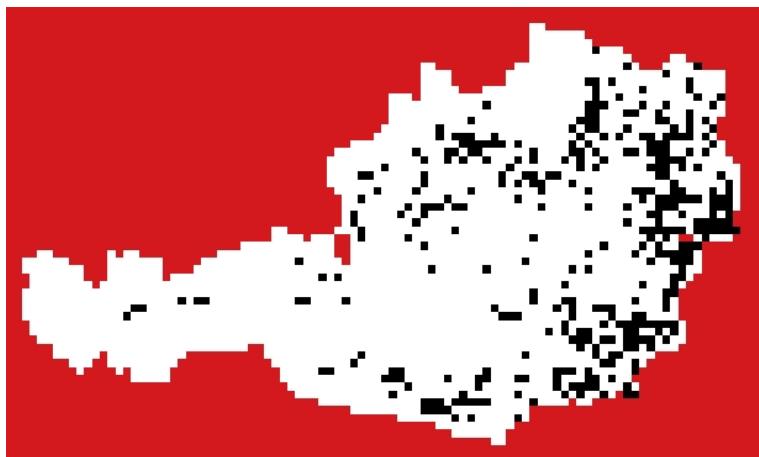
2005: end point

# Method 1: iterative algorithm

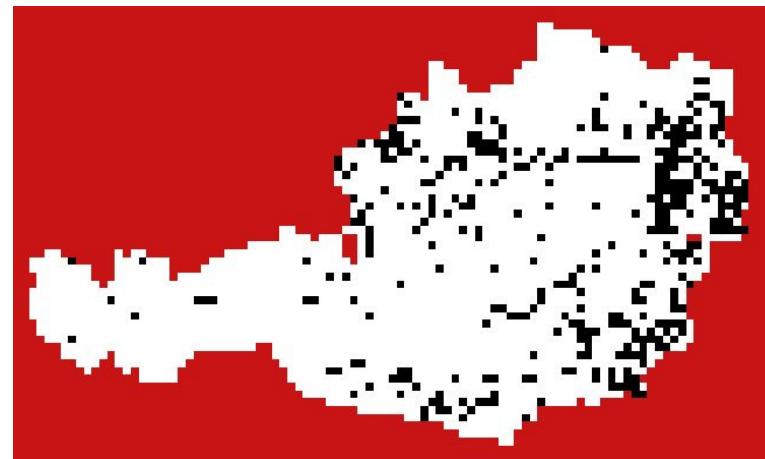


<sup>1</sup> Gilbert et al. (2004)

M. Smolik: Stochastic optimization  
Repeat 100 times

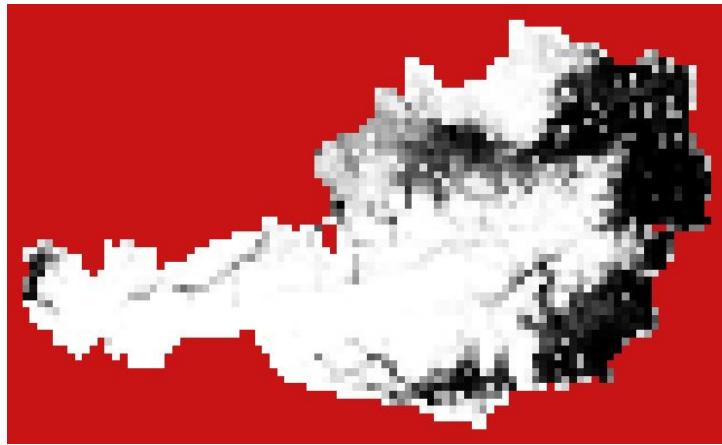


Simulation 2005



Infestation status 2005

## 2nd: Predictions for habitat of ragweed



Current climate



2050: Regional (+2.3°C)  
Gobiet et al. (2006)

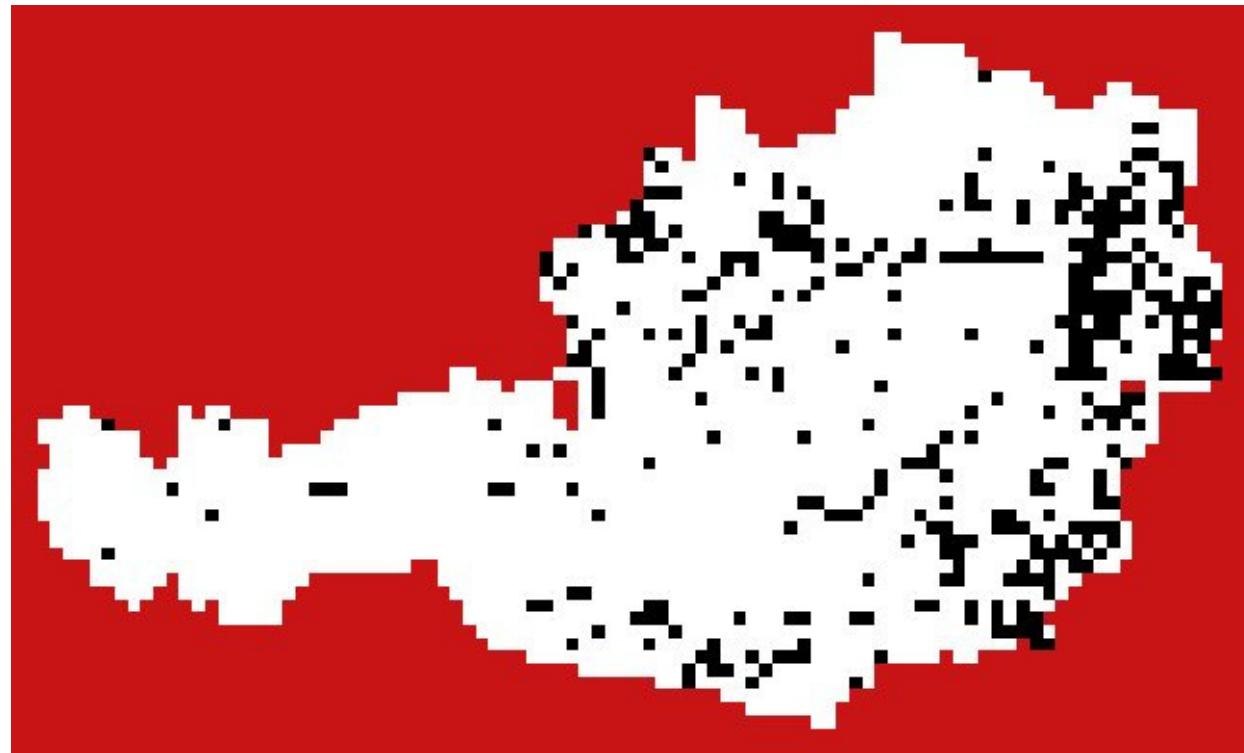


### **3rd: Outlook for spread of ragweed on basis of**

- diffusion model (1990-2005)**
- habitat prediction (+2.3°C until 2050)**

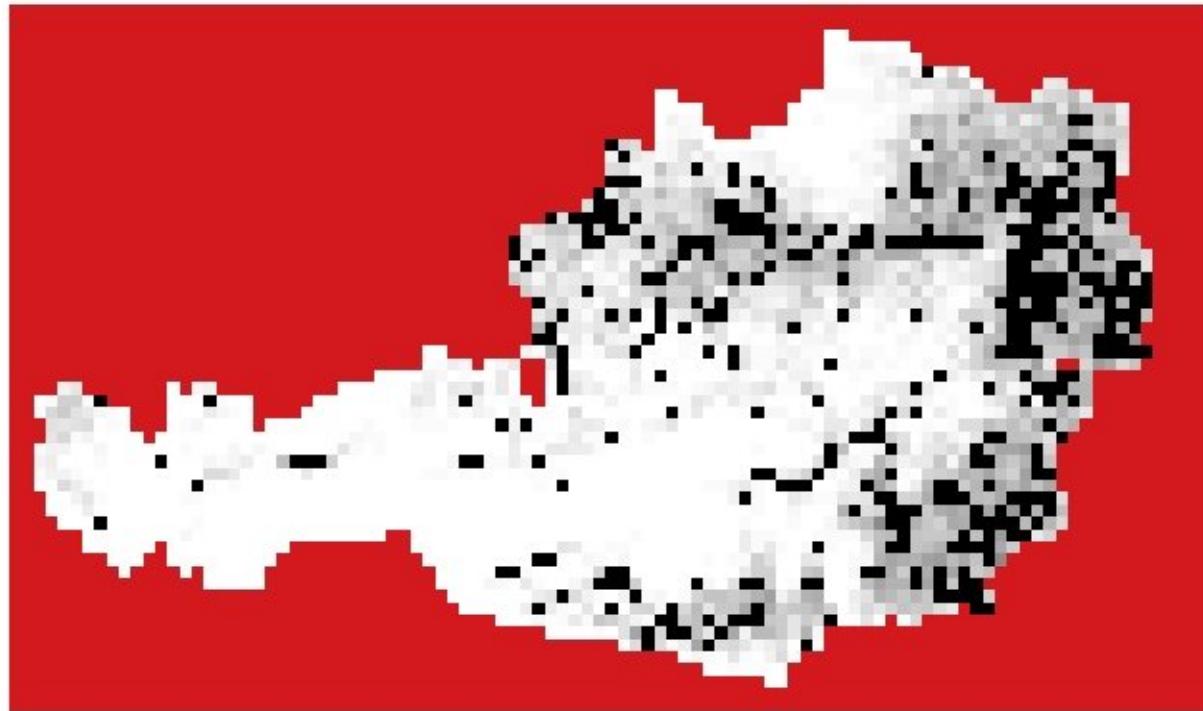


## Status 2005



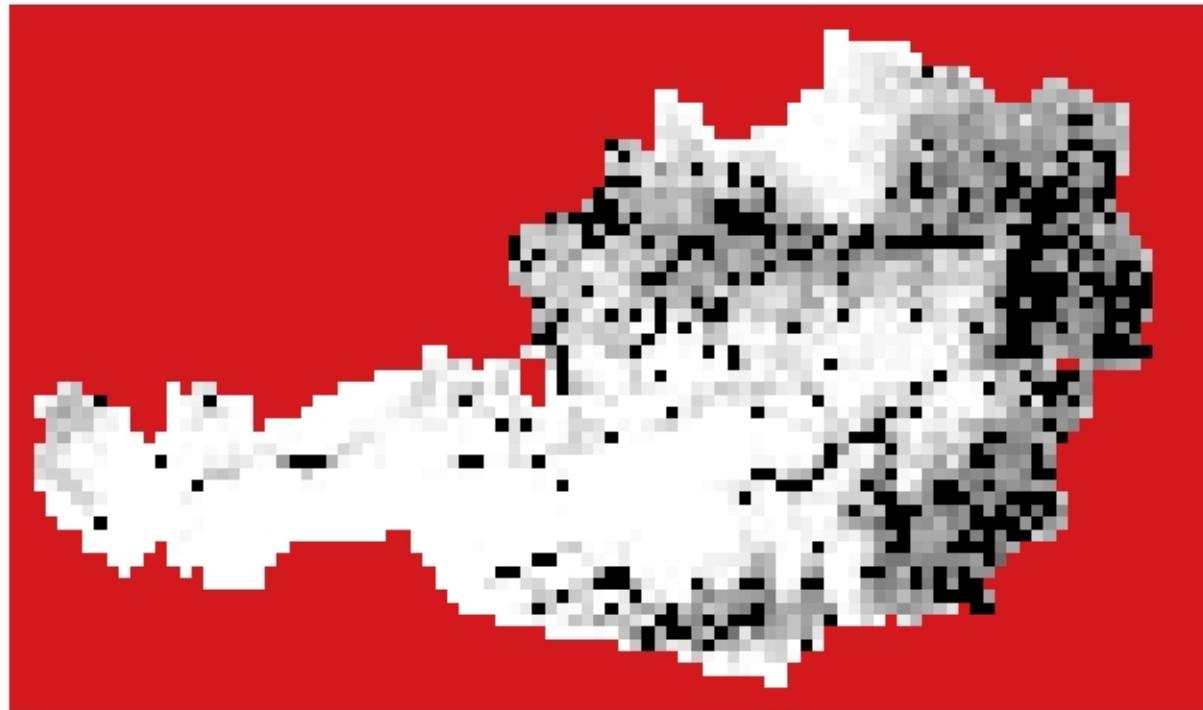


## Prediction for 2020

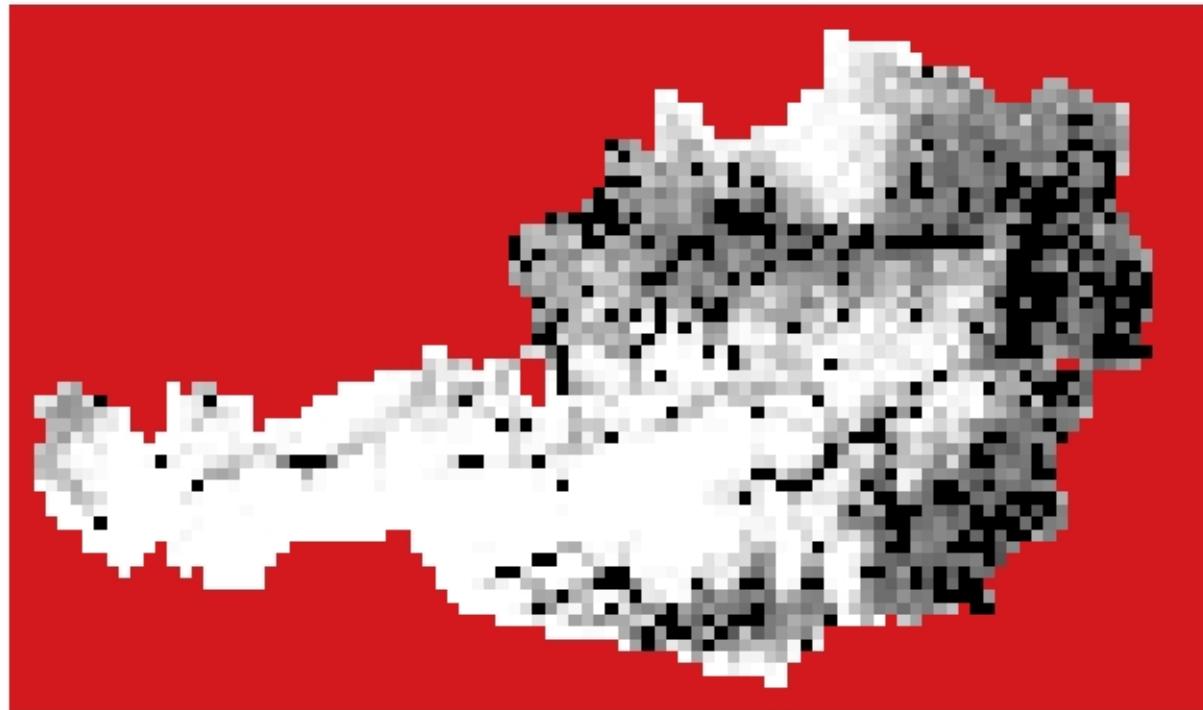




## Prediction for 2030

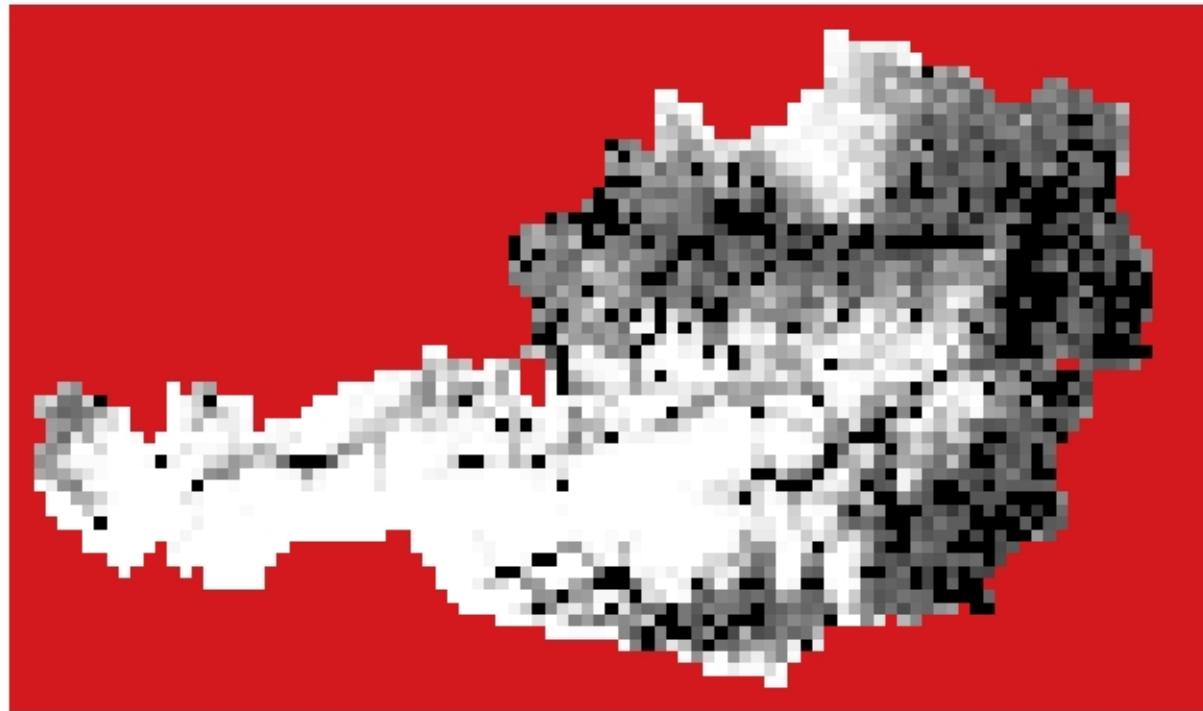


## Prediction for 2040

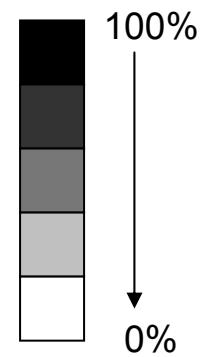




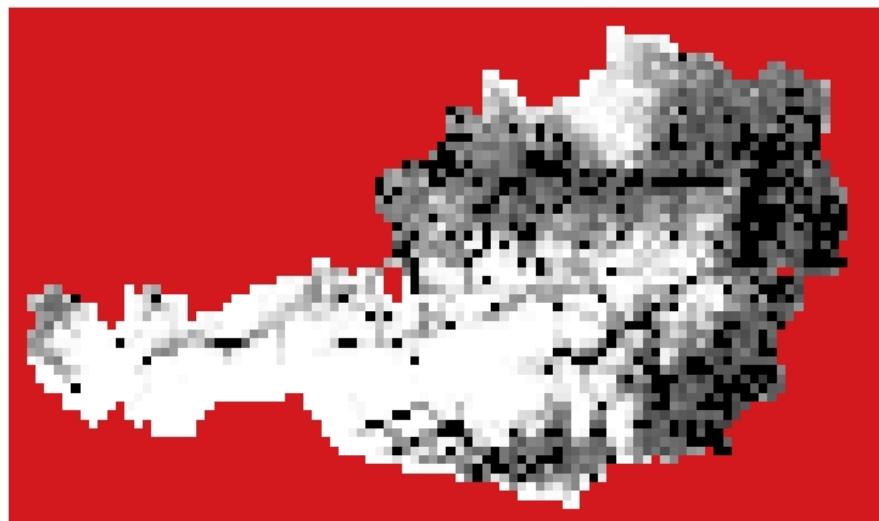
## Prediction for 2050



## Regional Prediction for Habitat of ragweed in 2050



## Prediction for Spread (Diffusion) of ragweed in 2050



# Conclusion



American ragweed  
(*Ambrosia artemisiifolia*)

Rather slow diffusion

Poster B9

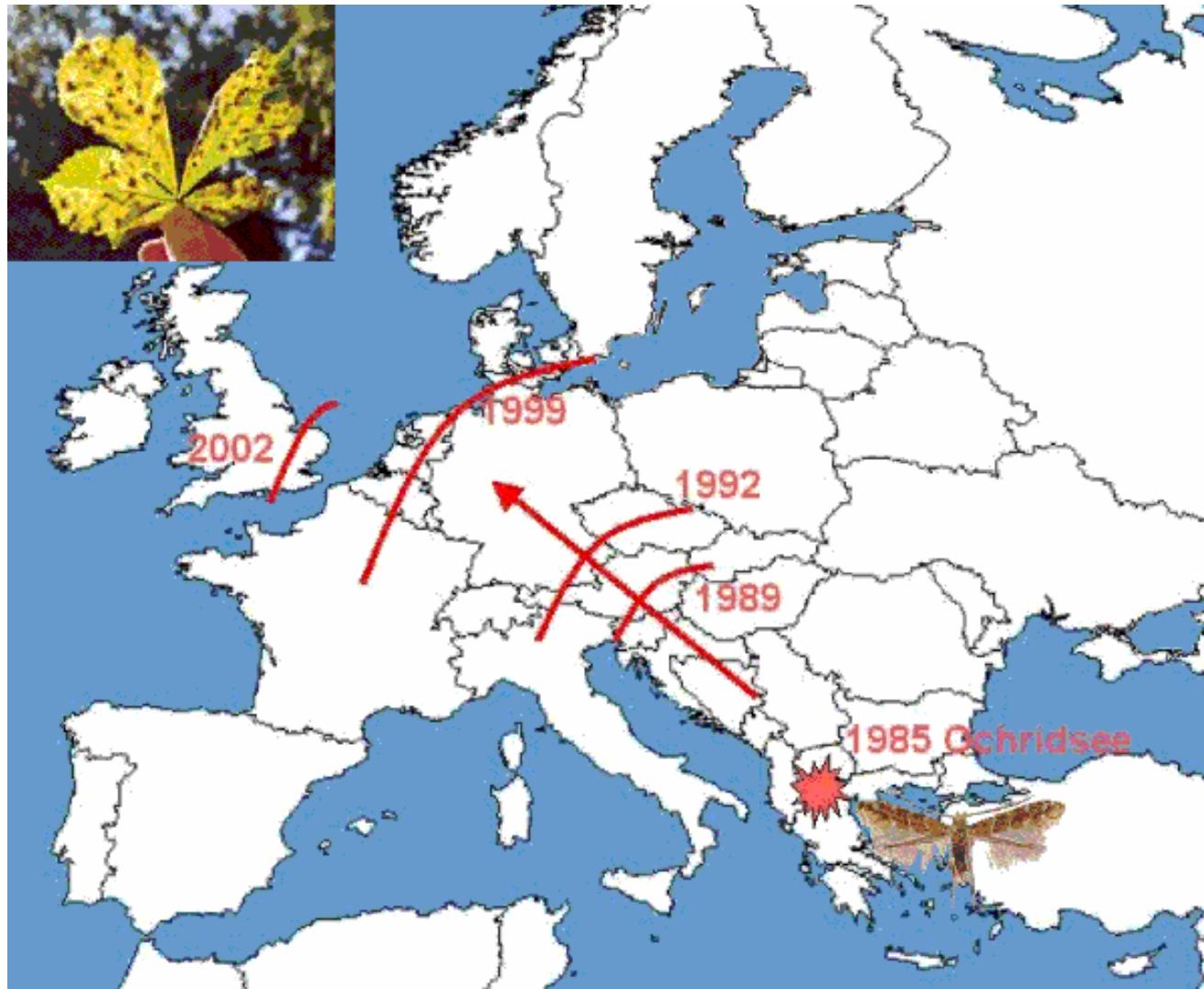
Effects of **Superspreaders** in Spread of Epidemic  
(SARS)

Ryo Fujie, Takashi Odagaki

Seeds of plants are no superspreaders, at least  
not for ragweed

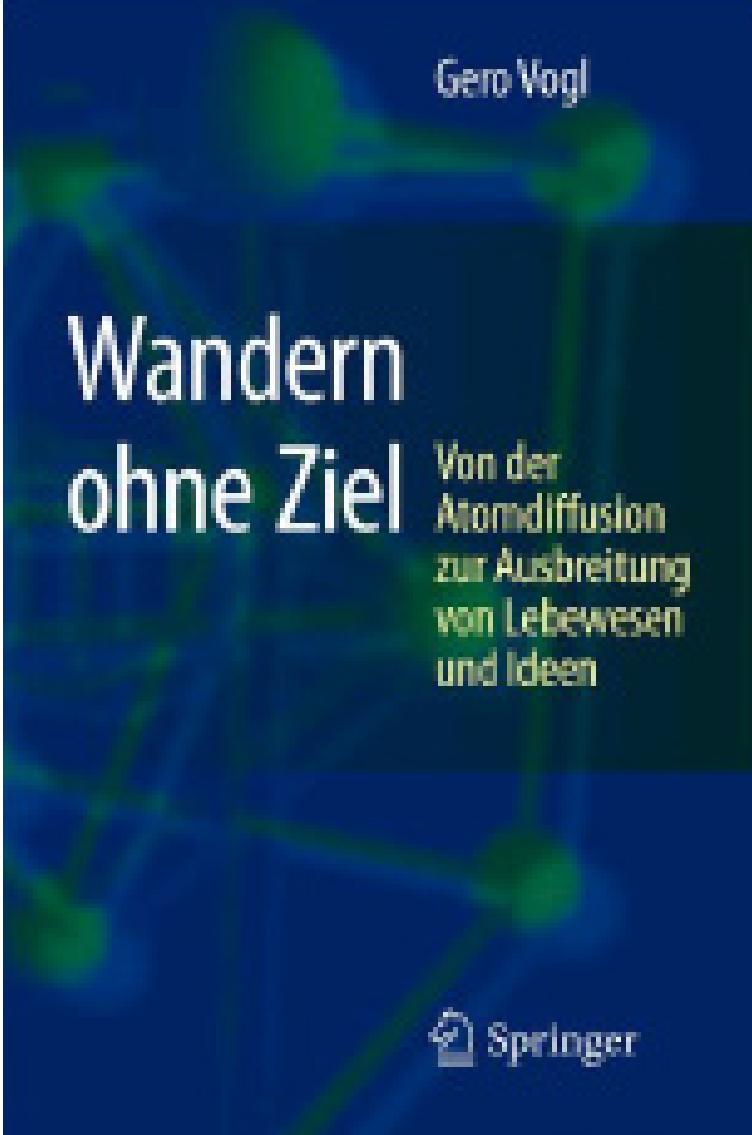
But animals are (horse-chestnut leaf miner moth,  
Gilbert et al.)

# Spread of horse-chestnut leaf miner moth (Gilbert et al. 2004)



Thank you for accompanying me  
on my **Brownian motion** („Wandern ohne Ziel“)  
through so different provinces  
of the vast realm of **diffusion**

Gero Vogl,  
„Wandern ohne Ziel.  
From the Diffusion of Atoms to the Spread of Living Beings and Ideas“,  
Springer, 2007



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# Wandern ohne Ziel

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